MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: May I know who constitutes the Taluk Committee?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The Tahsildar, in consultation with the leading members of the Legislature and others.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: When a certain member is included in the Taluk Committee, will he not be informed about it?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I believe so, Sir.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: I was never informed, though I am a member of both the Mavelikara and the Kunnathur Taluk Committees.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I find that they are ex-officio members of the Committee. The proceedings say that the Taluk Committee shall consist of the members of the Legislature representing each Taluk and other members.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഇങ്ങനെ പ്രൊസീഡിംഗ്സിൽ ഉണ്ടെങ്കിലും പ്രയോഗത്തിൽ അങ്ങിനെ നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നു അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: പല മെമ്പറന്മാരും താലൂക്ക കമ്മിറ്റികളിൽ ഓഫീഷ്യോക്കുകളായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പ്രസ്താവന ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

SAHIB BAHADUR P. S. MOHAMMED (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): ഞാൻ ഈ കമ്മിറ്റിയിലെ മെമ്പറാണ്. എനിക്കു നോട്ടീസു കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ലെന്നറിയാമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: അതന്വേഷിക്കണം.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: എന്നെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഞാൻ പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കുന്ന രണ്ടു താലൂക്കുകളിലും നിന്നു ഇതുവരെ എനിക്കു നോട്ടീസു കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ല.

COMPLAINT ABOUT THE PENDENCY OF ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, the constitution has allowed us the right to ask questions and put supplementary questions, and the rules lay down that 15 days' notice should be given to the Secretary. The 15 days' notice evidently is meant for the Government Officers to prepare the answers. Yesterday the Chief Secretary said that the Christmas holidays intervened. The holidays were marked in the calendar. We knew it already. In any case I am unable to understand how the later question, Numbers 79, 92, 96 etc., could be answered when a very large number of earlier questions remains unanswered.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The answer is very simple. Questions are not being answered in the numerical order in which they are received. It will depend entirely upon the nature of the information called for.

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PRESIDENT: Sometimes draft answers from departments or Officers which are not considered satisfactory are returned to them for further consideration. Sometimes there is delay on that account.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: When you are given time to answer questions and when a period is fixed by the rules, the answer should be ready, if the questions were received in time. That is what I want to say. I want to know whether the Government have any definite principle in the answering of questions or whether they simply act according to their own fancy.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: There is no question of fancy.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: It is scant courtesy to the House that in spite of repeated representations here only a very small number of questions are answered; we found that yesterday only 21 questions were answered. Today there is a *marked improvement*. Instead of 21 we have got 22.

PRESIDENT: The whole difficulty could be overcome if only the honourable members, instead of waiting for the 15 or 16 days before the Assembly meets, send up questions, say from to-morrow onwards for the next session. In that case the necessary information could be collected and the answer furnished at the next meeting of the Assembly. In the House of Commons, questions are sent about 3 or4 months before the actual meeting of the Parliament. Every member of Parliament thinks that it is his duty to send up proposals or questions on matters of importance. He does not wait till the 15th or 16th day. Supposing an honourable member sends up 15 or 20 questions just before the Assembly meets and asks the Secretary that all these questions should be answered at the next session of the Assembly. They have got to be tabulated and the necessary information called for which will mean some time.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Even during the last Budget Session the average number of questions answered was between 15 and 20.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Between 50 and 60.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: But not during the last Budget Session. I challenge the Chief Secretary's statement.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Regarding the question raised by me yesterday, I wish to know whether any supplementary questions can be asked to-day?

PRESIDENT: No.

STATEMENT RE: DIESEL OIL.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: A supplementary question was put yesterday, and in answer to that, further information was promised to be laid on the table today. I wish to place before the House a statement regarding the Diesel Oil Supply.

"The requirements of Diesel Oil necessary for Punja cultivation and the distribution of such oil for this purpose have been undertaken since 1118 by the Kuttanad Punja Cultivation Oil Distribution Board which is a non-official body, the Convener

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